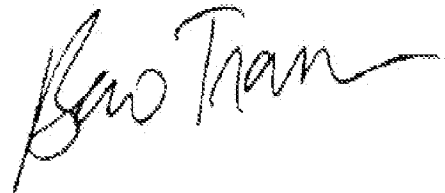


REMARKS

Applicants submit that the amendment places independent claim 31 as well as those dependent therefrom in allowable condition.

If for any reasons the Examiner believes a telephone conference would in any way expedite resolution of the issues raised in this appeal, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 408-528-7490.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bao Tran". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bao Tran
Reg. 37,955